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MEMORANDUM FOR: Henry A. Kissinger
FROM : James R. Schlesinger

Attached is the memorandum on political changes in the Soviet Union which you asked us for at the Verification Panel on Friday. I have had it prepared as a memorandum for the President, in case you wish to show it to him.

In essence, it argues that the changes solidify Brezhnev's position and ratify his pursuit of detente. In so doing, they put him in a strong position to argue his case in Washington and Bonn for the major expansion in economic relations which the goals he has set require.

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